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**DETAILED ACTION** 

1. The reply brief filed March 5, 2007 has been entered and considered. The application has been

forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should

be directed to Philip J. Chea whose telephone number is 571-272-3951. The examiner can normally be

reached on M-F 6:30-4:00 (1st Friday Off).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor,

Glenn Burgess can be reached on 571-272-3949. The fax phone number for the organization where this

application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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